

UNITED STATES MAKES DEMAND ON RUSSIA FOR RELEASE OF AMERICANS

More Than a Score of United States Citizens Are Being Held Prisoner By Soviet Government, According to Report to Secretary of State

DEMAND MADE AS CONDITION OF U. S. RELIEF

Sec. Hoover Recently Declared That Aid Would Not Be Sent to the Ill and Starving Until These Americans Were Set Free — Hughes Made Formal Demand

Washington, D. C., July 27.—Formal demand for release of American prisoners in Russia has been made by the state department today, according to a report to Secretary of State.

The text of the communication has not been made public. It is understood, however, to be a brief insistence that the Americans be released before there can be any thought of better relations between the United States and Russia.

The action was taken in the name of humanity and because all efforts to obtain the release of the Americans made through Dr. Nansen of the Red Cross, have failed.

What course will be taken by the United States if the soviet authorities ignore or refuse to accede to the demands was not indicated.

The communication was sent to Consul Albrecht, July 26. The communication made upon the Russian authorities for the release of American prisoners is the first official representation made upon the subject, although Lenin and Trotsky and their associates have been previously advised informally of the determination of the United States not to consider closer relations with Russia until this was done.

The dispatch of the communication was timed so that it would reach the Russians approximately simultaneously with the message sent by Secretary Hoover in response to the appeal made by Maxim Gorky. The state department's message is regarded officially as wholly independent of the Hoover-Gorky correspondence, although it is admitted that it will serve to strengthen the attitude taken by Secretary Hoover, who made it clear in his message that any relief by the United States would depend largely upon the manner in which Americans in Russia are treated.

There are now held as prisoners in Russia eight or ten Americans. A larger number are believed to be detained within the borders of Russia, some of whom are restricted to limited areas. Within those areas they are permitted to come and go, but always under surveillance and with the understanding that efforts to extend their movements will result in closer confinement.

WEAVER AND FELSCH WILL BE FREED

Unless Further Evidence Is Brought Against Them, Says Judge Friend

Chicago, July 27.—Judge Friend today informed the state's attorney in the baseball trial that he would direct the jury to return a verdict of not guilty in the cases of "Buck" Weaver and "Happy" Felsch, former White Sox players, and Earl Zerk of St. Louis, unless further evidence was introduced against these men.

The judge temporarily overruled the defense motion to dismiss these cases when the state urged that the defendants might be incriminated by further testimony. The state dropped its case against Ben and Louis Levi of Kokomo, Ind.

Motion to dismiss the charges against Joe Jackson and David Zeller of Des Moines were overruled. The state today rested its case after Billy Makary of Philadelphia had testified concerning much of Bill Burns' story of the alleged conspiracy for the Chicago White Sox players to throw the 1919 world's series.

Maharg, who was intimate with Burns and Abe Attell during the alleged sell-out, told of meetings between Burns, Eddie Conner and Chick Ganss in New York, of further meetings in Cincinnati and Chicago and of how Attell sent \$10,000 to the players in Cincinnati by Burns, who \$40,000 was due them.

Like Burns, Maharg identified David Zeller of Des Moines, Ia., as a man he knew in the alleged conspiracy as Bennett.

Where Biddy Has the Bugle. From an ad: The hen is the only critter that can lay around and make money.—Boston Transcript.

PLENTY OF FIREWORKS, SAY FRIENDS OF SMALL

Following Announcement That Illinois Governor Would Accept Service of Warrant.

Chicago, July 27.—Friends of Gov. Small today promised "plenty of fireworks in the next 48 hours," after the governor's counsel telegraphed Sheriff Mester of Sangamon county (Springfield), that the governor would accept service of the warrant charging him with embezzlement of state funds while state treasurer.

Gov. Small arrived here last night and the decision not to resist service of the warrant was announced after a conference with his counsel, Attorney General Brundage, who was active in the grand jury investigation which resulted in the indictment, came on the same train.

"We wish to give the governor a reasonable length of time in which to comply with the courts' order," said the attorney general. "In such cases three days are usually allowed to arrange bail and surrender in court." Plans of Gov. Small and his counsel, it was said, were to permit the governor to remain in custody of his counsel until the warrant is served while a writ of habeas corpus is being sued out. This would force the attorney general to show cause why the governor should be required to submit to criminal trial.

Sheriff Mester replied to the telegram of the governor's counsel that he would not send to Cook county (Chicago), to serve the warrant on the governor but would await his return to Springfield.

WARRANTS FOR SMALL

Placed in the Hands of Sheriff Mester Today.

Springfield, Ill., July 27.—Warrants for the arrest of Gov. Len Small on charges of embezzlement and conspiracy to defraud the state were placed in the hands of Sheriff Henry Mester of Sangamon county this morning. The sheriff immediately sent a message to Attorney Albert Fink, Governor Small's counsel in Chicago, informing him that the warrants had been received and that he would submit to arrest in Chicago today; arrangements for bonds could be made when the executive returns to the capital.

SPURGIN'S DAUGHTER KNEW HE EMBEZZLED

According to Statement By Prosecuting Officers After Consulting Her.

Chicago, July 27.—Vivian Spurgin, daughter of Warren C. Spurgin, missing president of the closed Michigan Avenue Trust Co., who with her mother, returned to Chicago from Detroit, where they fled following Spurgin's disappearance, has admitted she had knowledge that her father had taken more than \$500,000 of the bank's money before he fled, it was announced today by James E. McShane, assistant state's attorney, and Ben Newmark, chief investigator for the state's attorney, who questioned Miss Spurgin and her mother upon their arrival here.

Miss Spurgin stated, according to the state authorities, that the information was given to her by her mother following a conference with her father, during which he bade them good-bye and said he was probably never see them again. Both Mrs. Spurgin and her daughter are being detained for further questioning today by Mr. Newmark and Mr. McShane, who intimate that they believe the wife and daughter of the bank president know more than they have told.

Questioning of the women brought out that Spurgin and his wife had been estranged, that he told them he contemplated flight and turned over to them \$75,000 worth of insurance papers and gave each \$750 in cash when he told them he would probably never see them again. They fled to avoid publicity, they asserted.

The search for Spurgin has developed two new clues, one leading to O'Leary, Col. where he is said to have mining interests, and of the other to the neighborhood of Mobile, Ala., where, it is said, he has many friends.

UNITED DRUG FALLS

Violent Break in Common Shares on Exchange.

New York, July 27.—A violent break in the common shares of the United Drug company followed today's dull session of the stock exchange. The stock which lost almost nine points yesterday, opened at a further decline of 3 1/4 points and by midday this session it had declined to 29 1/4 points at the close of day.

The remainder of the list was fairly steady.

Liggett's Assets in Trustee's Hands

Boston, July 27.—The announcement that the personal assets of Louis K. Liggett, president of the United Drug Co., had been placed in the hands of trustees as a result of the decline of the common stock of the United Drug Co. in the past 24 hours was made today.

Athens, July 26.—Information from all sources indicates that the resistance of the Turkish nationalists in Asia Minor is completely broken, the Greek official news agency declares in a statement issued here today.

The Turkish losses in killed, wounded and prisoners to date are estimated at 60,000. The Greeks, the statement says, are constantly pressing the Kemalists along the road to Ankara.

THINK JAPAN HAS ACCEPTED

Harding's Invitation to Participate in Disarmament Conference

REPLY RECEIVED AT STATE DEPT.

Nature of Communication Has Not Been Made Public

Washington, D. C., July 27.—A communication from Tokyo, believed to contain the formal acceptance by Japan of President Harding's invitation to participate in an international discussion of far eastern questions as well as disarmament, reached the state department today. Pending decoding and examination officials refused to comment on the nature of the communication and had made no decision as to its publication.

STILL TRYING TO FIND A COMMON GROUND

De Valera and His Colleagues Continue to Consider the Situation.

Dublin, July 27 (By the Associated Press).—Eamonn De Valera, the Irish republican leader, and his colleagues have not yet found a basis for the proposed conference with the British government on the Irish question in London, but are continuing to search for a common ground on which the contending parties can meet, it was stated in a well-informed quarter here today.

At the Mansion house it was announced that the Sinn Fein cabinet still was considering the government's offer, and as a consequence, no statement would yet be authorized.

The Irish leaders have no immediate intention of summoning the Dail Eireann, or republican parliament, to discuss the stage where any tangible proposal could be submitted. The leaders are not considering the details of any system, but the means of securing an acceptable basis for a conference at which plans could be discussed.

The newspapers here emphasize the importance of summoning the Dail Eireann and print a list of 36 of its members in prison, whose release they demand.

The republican liaison officers for observation of the trace continue their work, notwithstanding some friction with the military authorities, who objected to the use of the official newspaper of the Irish republican army while being willing to recognize the liaison officers as the temporary representatives of the civil population.

OVER 60 WITNESSES

Called for Trial of Judge Lucien B. Wright.

Sapulpa, Okla., July 27.—With S. P. Freeling, attorney general of Oklahoma, in active charge of the prosecution, the state was set today for opening the preliminary hearing of Judge Lucien B. Wright of Sapulpa, charged with having accepted a bribe of \$10,000 in connection with a decision rendered recently in the famous "Tommy Atkins" oil land litigation.

More than 60 witnesses have been subpoenaed.

The charge against Judge Wright, filed by Attorney General Freeling, alleges that the judge was to have received a total of \$100,000 by his decision, which gave oil leases valued at \$1,000,000 to C. O. Lytle and others of Sapulpa. The decision was against the Charles Page interests of Sand Springs, Okla., and others acting as attorneys for Sallie Atkins, a part-Indian woman, who asserted that she was the mother of Tommy Atkins to whom the land was allotted.

Witnesses appearing before Attorney General Freeling prior to the filing of the charge declared that the Page interests held the leases under Minnie Atkins, also asserted to be the mother of Tommy Atkins, whose name appears in the membership of the Creek Indian tribe.

Counsel for Judge Wright declared that the judge was the victim of a "frame-up."

RUSSIAN LAND FORTS FIRED ON GERMANS

Latter Returned the Fire But No Damage Was Done.

Berlin, July 27 (By the Associated Press).—The German mine sweeping fleet which has been operating in the Kola light in the northern Russian coast is reported in a special dispatch from Varde, Norway, to have been fired on by Russian land forts. The German fleet returned the fire, but no damage is reported on either side.

The German fleet, which left Wilhelmshaven a week ago to clear the sea in an effort to obtain a connection of Greek-Turk hostilities, according to dispatches from Constantinople to the Exchange Telegraph Co.

GOVT. SUPPLIES BOUGHT IN LUMP

Business Methods to Be Adopted by United States

TRANSFER FROM ONE TO ANOTHER

All Purchasing to Be Under a Supervisor in Washington

Washington, D. C., July 27.—An executive order to co-ordinate purchasing for the army, navy and shipping board and permit transfer of supplies from one government agency to another was signed today by President Harding. It was drafted under Director Daves of the budget bureau and divides the country into zones corresponding to army corps areas for supply purchasing with a general purchasing agent for each area, all working under a purchasing supervisor in Washington.

RAILROAD MESSAGE KILLS NORRIS BILL

In the Opinion of Many Republican Leaders in the Senate.

Washington, D. C., July 27.—President Harding's special message to Congress on railroad and farm financing was regarded today by many Republican leaders in the Senate as having dealt a death blow to the Norris bill to create a \$100,000,000 farm export corporation.

The president, in his message, suggested that the powers of the war finance corporation be extended to cover all phases of farm credits and the bill containing such a provision introduced yesterday by Senator Kellogg, Republican, Minnesota, was said to have the approval of the administration.

It was drafted by Secretary Hoover and Director Meyer of the finance corporation and will, in the opinion of many Republican senators as expressed today, be substituted for the Norris bill, which Secretary Hoover condemned and Secretary Wallace failed to endorse before the Senate agriculture committee.

Champions of the Norris bill said today that they would relent not one whit in the fight in behalf of their measure. They had ready to be voted on today a series of amendments designed to eliminate provisions severely criticized during debate. The Kellogg measure also will be voted on as an amendment to the Norris bill.

Just when Congress would be able to take up the second request embodied in the president's message—the extension of the war finance corporation's power to \$500,000,000 of railroad indebtedness—the government—still was uncertain today. Leaders said there probably would be action within a fortnight.

VIRTUAL AGREEMENT ON TAX LEGISLATION

Said to Have Been Reached at Conference in the White House.

Washington, D. C., July 27.—Virtual agreement was said today to have been reached at a dinner conference at the White House last night for Senate consideration of tax revision legislation. A number of senators were present, including President Harding and the legislative situation was said to have been discussed extensively.

White House officials had nothing to say today about the conference and it was understood Mr. Harding himself had not been present. A no-dinner dinner was held at the White House, where the president's plan to consult his former associates in the Senate. They were said to have advised him that the finance committee would not have the House tariff bill ready for consideration short of five or six weeks and it was on this showing that a consensus of opinion around the dinner table that tax revision should be given precedence was said to have been disclosed.

The president was told, it was said, that the tariff bill would require working over to a hitherto unexpected extent. American valuation provisions in the bill were discussed, and there were reports today that the president did not favor the policy, but comment on that phase was refused.

The railroad question and funding of allied loans also were talked over during the dinner, as well as summer recess possibilities for Congress. President Harding told his guests he hoped both branches of Congress could reconvene from the middle of August to the latter part of September or the first of October, but was represented as on the whole, favoring a recess of either body until the tax revision bill had passed the House, leaving the Senate finance committee to work on both tax and tariff measures during the recess.

Senate leaders said today that all proposals for a recess would be abandoned until the tax bill came from the House, probably within a fortnight, making a recess of both bodies possible about the middle of August.

TURKS' RESISTANCE COMPLETELY BROKEN

Their Head Has Appealed to Central Government to Get Allies to Intervene.

London, July 27.—Mustapha Kemal Pasha, head of the Turkish nationalist government, has sent a telegram to Constantinople asking that the central government intervene with the allies in an effort to obtain a cessation of Greek-Turk hostilities, according to dispatches from Constantinople to the Exchange Telegraph Co.

SEVEN CANTONMENTS TO BE ABANDONED

Under Plans of War Department in Connection With Cutting of Army Strength.

Washington, D. C., July 27.—The war department was proceeding with plans today for the practical abandonment of the seven fishing camp cantonments, together with a general redistribution and reorganization of army units based on a reduction in enlisted strength to 150,000 by July 31. In announcing that the reduction required by the current appropriation measure must be accomplished by that date, Secretary Weeks said the new army program involved the placement of many organizations on the inactive list and the reduction to only skeleton strength.

While planning the eventual removal of all troops from the cantonments to be vacated, Secretary Weeks said the land would not be sold but retained, together with all utilities and improvements such as storehouses, water systems and railroad tracks, with a view to possible future use in expansion of the citizens' military training camps. It is proposed to salvage the greater part of the buildings, he said.

LIQUOR CAME FROM BONDED WAREHOUSES

According to Claim of Collector of Internal Revenue Eaton About New Haven Seizure.

New Haven, Conn., July 27.—Liquors landed on the shores of New Haven harbor from the coast fishing ship Jenie T. last Saturday morning originally came from bonded warehouses, according to information from the office of Collector of Internal Revenue Eaton, today. The official has ordered the seizure of 350 cases which the New Haven police hold. He has asked United States Attorney Smith, a federal commissioner's hearing Saturday, when 18 alleged smugglers will be arraigned, to put in the government's claim for the liquor.

The contention will be that the liquor was withdrawn from bonded warehouses in Kentucky and New York for export to Nassau, Bahamas islands, from New York. It was made in 1917 and bottled last spring.

Collector Eaton further claims a tax on the liquor, as relanded distilled spirit, is subject to revenue and surreptitious landing of liquor, he claims, was with intent to defraud the government of taxes.

James L. McGovern, collector of customs, has been informed from Washington that the Jennie T. incident is entirely in the hands of the internal revenue department and the prohibition enforcement officers.

CHANGE TO NEW YORK

Textile Convention Not To Be Held in Knoxville.

New York, July 27.—The annual convention of the United States Textile Workers of America will be held in New York City beginning Sept. 12, instead of in Knoxville, Tenn., as previously arranged, Mrs. Sara A. Conboy, secretary of the union, announced today. This change was decided upon by the executive council, she said, because of the failure of the union to get a suitable hall in Knoxville.

CLEVELAND DEAD ARE IDENTIFIED

Five Were Killed When Shuttle Car and Automobile Met

Head-on.

Cleveland, July 27.—Five persons who were killed, four of them almost instantly, when a shuttle car and an automobile crashed head-on shortly after midnight, were identified this morning. One family was wiped out when John M. Franey, 40 years of age, a garage owner; his wife, 37 years of age, and their two children, Edna Mary, aged 10 years, and Theodore, aged nine months, were killed. The fifth person killed was Mrs. Anna Branford, 39 years of age, Max Branford, 40 years of age, her husband, was seriously injured.

AID FOR WAR VETERANS

To Be Furnished Through Information Gained at Fairs.

Disabled veterans of the World war will be given every opportunity in a short time to settle their compensation claims, according to a plan announced today by Allan Fletcher, department adjutant general of the American Legion. To bring relief to the soldiers, Adjutant Fletcher is arranging to have booths at every state fair during the months of August and September, where the veterans or their representatives may meet officials from the department and doctors who will aid them in obtaining compensation.

The plan was devised by Adj. Gen. Fletcher after an examination of state conditions revealed hundreds of cases of soldiers unable to work because of injuries sustained in the World war. The office in Montpelier is flooded with claims but despite intensive work by Mr. Fletcher and his assistants many men are still unaided. Instances have been revealed where ex-soldiers did not know where to apply for help. In one case a veteran had been trying to support himself for two years though suffering from the effects of a deep shrapnel wound.

MONTPELIER

The funeral of James T. Sabin, for the last 30 years secretary of the Vermont Mutual Fire Insurance company, was held at 2:30 this afternoon at Christ Church, Rev. Mr. Leach officiating.

The quarterly meeting of the Green Mountain Fire Insurance company was held yesterday afternoon. Matters of routine business were discussed. Directors C. E. Scott of St. Albans and S. A. Daniels of Brattleboro were sworn these shareholders.

Mr. G. Goodhart settled the account to produce more gasoline. The result was a fire which destroyed the house of Edgar J. Moore, late of Brattleboro. The will of Abbie C. Huxley, late of Waterbury, was proven.

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TUFTS TELLS ABOUT COAKLEY

District Attorney Met the Boston Lawyer in February, 1917

SAW HIM NEXT WITH MOVIE MAGNATES

Coakley's Name Mixed Up in Mishawum Manor Scandal

Boston, July 27.—District Attorney Nathan A. Tufts, a defendant at the bar of the supreme court in proceedings brought by Attorney General Allen to oust him from office, faced the full bench today to give an accounting of his stewardship as Middlesex county prosecutor. His defense against the attorney general's charges of malfeasance, misfeasance and nonfeasance in office was begun late yesterday, after ten days of prosecution evidence, at times sensational in nature although of disputed application to the allegations.

Before Mr. Tufts took the stand, his counsel called on Judge Hugo A. Dubuque of the superior court as the first of several judicial witnesses in his behalf.

Judge Dubuque testified that during the years he has held criminal session at Cambridge, the calendar has always been crowded.

"Were matters expeditiously handled by the district attorney?" he was asked.

Assistant Attorney General Hurlburt objected.

"You have developed nothing to show that they were not," Chief Justice Rugg remarked, excluding the question.

Judge Dubuque said he did not recall a case against "Stella Kennedy." Answering a question, he said that keeping a disorderly house was a serious offense but he did not consider it as serious as crimes of violence.

Asked if he did not think cases of disorderly houses where there was carousing over long periods were serious and ought to be tried, he said he did.

Speaking of the fine imposed on one of the defendants in a group of cases referred to as the "Lowell midwife cases," Mr. Hurlburt asked:

"You know, of course, that if that sentence was imposed by you it was an illegal sentence, as the statute says the fine must be not less than \$100."

Judge Dubuque said it was probably imposed on the recommendation of the district attorney.

It was stated that one of the women involved, Anna Paduch, was fined \$75.

Conflict between Assistant Attorney General Hurlburt and counsel for Mr. Tufts developed at the outset over the method of cross-examination of the district attorney. It had been announced that Mr. Tufts would testify separately on each of the principal groups of charges brought by the attorney general, with the Mishawum Manor case among the first to be taken up.

Mr. Hurlburt asked that cross-examination be postponed until his direct evidence in all cases was completed, explaining that Attorney General Allen, who was in New York, wished to examine him. Attorney Melville M. Johnson for Mr. Tufts pointed out that the prosecution had introduced its charges in sections, said the defense wished to follow a similar course.

Chief Justice Rugg ruled in favor of Tufts' counsel, that cross examination ought to follow the same line as the direct examination.

District Attorney Tufts in opening his testimony, testified that he had mentioned his birth at Fitchburg, graduation from Brown university, election to the state Senate and House of Representatives, and as district attorney in 1916.

Inquiry then turned to points developed in the prosecution's presentation of its charges. The name of Daniel H. Coakley, who as counsel for motion picture magnates handled a fund of \$85,000 which he testified he disposed to settle claims growing out of a Mishawum Manor road house party of 1917, was introduced.

"Up to the time you were elected district attorney, had you ever met Daniel H. Coakley?" Mr. Tufts was asked.

"No," he replied, adding that he first met Mr. Coakley in February, 1917, at a county officers' dinner at the Algonquin club.

He next met him when the lawyer brought the moving picture magnates to his office.

MOONSHINE MAKER FINED.

Jack Draper of Morrisville Was Fined \$600.

Morrisville, July 27.—Jack Draper, of the south part of the town, was arrested Monday on disclosure of A. B. Judson of St. Johnsbury, who was arrested on a fine which he paid. Judson said he purchased a quart of moonshine from Draper. Officers went to the home of Draper and found a full fledged distillery in operation. Mr. Draper was accused of two offenses, of furnishing liquors, to which he pleaded guilty, and was fined \$600 for each offense. The arrest was made by Sheriff J. T. Stevens. Draper was tried before Justice Dean LaFontaine, W. E. Tracey of Johnson, State's attorney, prosecuting.

AGED PEOPLE SUFFOCATED.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund McCay of New Bedford, Mass.

BARRE AND MONTPELIER TO HOLD A CONFERENCE

On Concessions to Be Asked By Barre & Montpelier Traction & Power Co.

The city councils of Barre and Montpelier, and perhaps the selectmen of Berlin, are preparing to have a conference on the proposals to be submitted by the Barre & Montpelier Traction & Power Co. relative to concessions to the traction company. The conference probably will be held some evening this week, and the receiver of the road, H. J. Volhom, will be invited to be present and state the company's case. The matter was brought up informally at the regular meeting of the Barre board of aldermen last night, and acquiescence in such a conference was made.

Just what the attitude of the three communities will be regarding the request for concessions has not been revealed as yet; whether the two municipalities and the town will grant all or any one of the things to be asked by the traction company in its efforts to rehabilitate itself remains to be seen.

It was a regular hot weather session of the Barre board last night, there being few matters under consideration. The matter of the refunding and bridge bonds was talked over informally, authority having previously been given by the citizens to issue such bonds and its issue voted by the city council. Wages paid in the street department was also a matter under informal consideration, no action being taken on the matter or any of the other two matters already mentioned.

Among the definite actions of the aldermen was to grant the following building permits: Charles Lee to build a garage at 48 Brook street; John Bossi to reshingle a roof at 30 Berlin street; Charles Converse and others to reshingle a roof at 7 Laurel street.

Bills ordered paid were: Manchester Supply Co., \$118.36; Granite Savings Bank and Trust Co., interest, \$58.33; clerk payroll, \$99.07; street pay, \$996.21; engineering, \$21.90; water pay, \$144.53; firemen, \$193.95; police, \$86.45; janitor, \$20.00; J. B. Robinson, \$178.15; F. McWhorter Co., \$181.15; A. M. Flanders, \$3.20; overseer, \$20.

STILL HOLD OUT.

Masons and Bricklayers on the National Life Job.

J. M. Willcutt of the firm of L. D. Willcutt and Sons company of Boston, in charge of the work of the five-story building now being erected on State street, Montpelier, for the National Life Insurance company, was in Montpelier today on a flying trip to try to settle the grievances of the 33 masons and bricklayers who walked out when the employers refused to meet their demand of a raise in pay from 90 cents to \$1 an hour. National Life representatives, Mr. Willcutt, Superintendent Maunich and representatives of the strikers met today in an effort to reach a settlement.

According to the employers, the rate paid masons and bricklayers all over New England is generally 90 cents an hour. Today they did not see their way clear to raise the rate and in this were supported by the insurance people. The men, when informed of the decision, refused to return to work and according to their representatives, will leave the city.

The decision of the strikers not to return to work will mean no interruption on the erection of the building, it is said. To-morrow the Willcutt people will have a dozen masons on hand. The firm has also sent queries out to surrounding cities and, according to report, will get many of the recruits needed from the state.

The strikers today stated that they will carry their grievance to national headquarters in Indianapolis, Ind., and seek redress through that channel. They claim that other masons and bricklayers in this vicinity are receiving the dollar an hour rate.

J. M. Willcutt, for the employers, stated the following statement: "The Willcutt firm believes that this recent walkout has been caused in great measure by outside agitation, by boatmen who do no good to a community. Following the earnest request of the National Life Insurance people, we have tried to employ as many local workmen as possible and to continue to do so. If the striking employers may come back to work at 90 cents an hour which present conditions set as a fair rate, we must secure men immediately but will use masons and bricklayers from all over Vermont at the old rate since this is one desire of the insurance people and our Boston headquarters."

WINOOSKI CLAIMS ANOTHER.

Henry Boyer, Aged 18, Drowned While in Swimming.

Winooski, July 27.—The Winooski river claimed another victim when Henry Boyer, aged 18 years, was drowned yesterday. He was in company with Max Salts, the Boyer home about nine o'clock, saying that they were going down to the river for a swim. The accident happened in one of the deepest spots of the river, near the Dunning farm. How it happened could not be learned, but it is thought that he had stepped into a hole, and as he was not a good swimmer, he could not save himself. His companion called for help and in a short time the body was recovered and taken to the undertaker's rooms of A. B. Lavigne.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Boyer in Cornhill street, three sisters, Isabel, Mathilda and Evelyn Boyer, and two brothers, David and Herman Boyer, all of this place. He was born in Winooski December 17, 1903.

This is the second